



## Bessie S. Black

December 15, 1935 - July 14, 2022

BESSIE BLACK was born in Wierwood, Virginia on December 15, 1936 to the late

Bessie Webb Six and William Six. In His infinite wisdom, God called Bessie home

to be with Him on Thursday, July 14, 2022.

Bessie had three sisters and one brother. William, Cora and Hilda preceded her in death.

At an early age Bessie and her family moved to Holabird Homes in Baltimore, Maryland where she was raised by her grandparents Cora and Charlie Burton.

Bessie graduated from Dunbar High School with honors. In 1955, Bessie married her

high school sweetheart Norman Black. They had two beautiful children,

Norman

and Harnetha Black.

She continued her education at Coppin State University earning a Bachelor of Science Degree. She went on to teach elementary school in the Baltimore City

Public School System. She then pursued her Master's Degree in Education from

Morgan State University.

After teaching in the Baltimore City Public School System for a few years, she

was

doing such an excellent job motivating the students to learn, her principal suggested

she apply to become a Senior Teacher. For the remainder of her career, she traveled

to many schools all over the city helping the new teachers and principals.

When she

taught school children she focused on helping them to read.

Bessie was a kind, compassionate and generous giver of her time and money to

help charities and the community. She was very involved with the education of children, her community, church, family and friends. She always thought of others.

Bessie gave her life to Christ at an early age at First Christian Community Church

in Holabird where she participated in many activities.

After moving to a new section of Baltimore, Bessie started attending New All Saints Catholic Church. She loved the church and generously gave her time to

various church ministries such as the Pastoral Visitors, Sunday School/CCD, Our

Daily Bread, Evangelization Ministry, Woman of New All Saints – The Chaplain,

and Prayer group. She was also the chairperson of several ministries such as the

Extraordinary Ministers, Baptism Ministry, and the Altar Guild Ministry. During the pandemic Bessie also became a member of St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church

Bible Study Group where they held bible study over zoom calls.

Bessie was a proud and distinguished member of the Phi Delta Kappa Sorority. She

was the president of the sorority from 2011 to 2015 and executive advisor from 2015 to 2019.

Besides being active in her church and sorority, Bessie also belonged to three social

clubs: Trekkers Limited, the Birthday Day Club, and the Red Hatters.

She loved teaching and mentoring the young people. She instilled in her students the

importance of education through her unique teaching style. Even after retirement

she continued to go to different schools to teach young children and assist the teachers.

She loved traveling with her family and friends and discovering different cultures.

Her presence will be felt and remembered by: her son, Norman Black Jr. and daughter-in-law, Benjie Black; sister, Hallie Allen; grandchildren, Dominique and

Aaron Black; brothers-in-law, Bill and Bob Black, Chester McFarland; sister-in-law,

Seena Black; a host of nieces and nephews, godsister, Gwendolyn Franklin and all

of her godchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Arbutus Memorial Park Cemetery

1101 Sulphur Spring Road  
Baltimore, MD 21227

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUL 21. 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215

## Wake

JUL 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New All Saints Church  
4408 Liberty Heights Ave  
Gwynn Oak, MD 21207

## Funeral Service

JUL 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

New All Saints Church  
4408 Liberty Heights Ave.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bessie S. Black*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Bessie was a family person. She was loving and kind. Bessie was a true friend. She was reliable and peaceful. To know Bessie is to love her. She was thoughtful and giving. She was a prayer warrior. She will be missed. I will keep the family in prayer. Jean Williams Prayer Group Member.*

**Jean Williams** - July 22, 2022 at 03:05 PM



“ *Edna Phillips-Mack sends her deepest sympathy.*



**Edna Phillips** - July 22, 2022 at 01:01 AM



“ *My condolences to the family. Ms. Black was my 2nd grade teacher at Fairfield Elementary in 1963. During recent years, I always greeted her with a hug. She was a classy lady who will be sorely missed. Michael Woods*

**Michael Derek Woods** - July 21, 2022 at 04:03 PM



“ *Lit a candle in memory of Bessie Mae Black*



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**Mia Miata** - July 21, 2022 at 02:11 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy.*

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**Mia Miata** - July 21, 2022 at 02:10 PM



“ *Annie Phillips and Rose Wilson send their sincere sympathy to the family.*



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**Annie Phillips** - July 21, 2022 at 12:58 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - July 18, 2022 at 02:58 PM

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*May God walk with you and comfort you during this time Your loved one will be sorely missed. She was an asset to the church family.  
Catherine Moore-DeFord*

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**Catherine Moore-DeFord** - July 22, 2022 at 08:41 AM